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HYDRAULIC TENSIONER
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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

This amendment is responsive to an Office Action dated December 18, 2002.
Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 8, with the following amended paragraph:

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Chain tensioning devices are used to control power transmission chains as the chain travels between a set of sprockets. Such chains usually have at least two separate strands, spans or lengths extending between the drive sprocket, such as a crankshaft sprocket, and the driven sprocket, such as a cam sprocket. The strand between the sprockets where the chain leaves the driven sprocket and enters the drive sprocket is frequently under tension as a result of the force imposed on the chain by the

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